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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

Transit Element

- Programs two projects with funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program for San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA).
- 1. MPO ID 02 53117: Programs a total of \$40,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002/03 for operating assistance.
- 2. MPO ID 02 53116: Programs a total of \$752,000 in FY 2003/04 for operating assistance.

See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment areas that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These

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projects are included and submitted by SLOCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SLOCOG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Mark Brucker - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Ronald L. De Carli - San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Sue Hall - San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans